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Introductory Comments

Prior to the most recent office action, this application was on appeal. In the office action mailed 12/01/05, prosecution was reopened in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,879,697 (Topholm). A telephone interview was held on December 5, 2005 between the examiner and the undersigned, during which the finality of the rejection was discussed. Although no agreement was reached, the applicants appreciate the opportunity for the telephone interview. In view of the foregoing and further in response to the office action, the following are provided:

A listing of claims is set forth beginning on page 2.

Remarks are set forth beginning on page 8.

The PTO is authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to the application transmittal filed with the application.